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For: DATA USAGE CONTROLLING APPARATUS
THAT PREVENTS THE UNAUTHORIZED USE
OF MAIN DATA BY UPDATING A TYPE 1 AND
A TYPE 2 KEY USED FOR PROTECTING THE
MAIN DATA IN ACCORDANCE WITH USAGE
OF THE MAIN DATA

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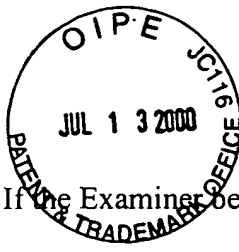
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicants wish to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following references:

U.S. Patent No. 4,780,905
U.S. Patent No. 5,142,578
Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application
No. 9-185501 (with English abstract)


Copies of these references and a form PTO 1449 are attached.



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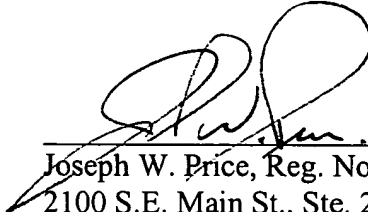


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